

July 3, 2013

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. George Adey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were: George Adey, Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio, Alan Murray and Sandra Hall. Cathi made a motion to accept the June minutes and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer

Sandra asked for a budget workshop to discuss the budget for 2014. This workshop will be on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 here at the Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Building and Zoning Administrator

Alan did 2 inspections and issued 4 permits this month. Alan checked out a complaint about a home on Pine Street and he noted that the grass is very high and that it needs cut. The property on Colorado – the owner just got home this afternoon so Alan will talk with him and try to get him to attend the next Council meeting. Rust on the side of the Town Hall will be taken care of when the rain stops.

Hearing on 1490 Idaho

Vicki made a motion to affirm the order to demo this property and Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. Cathi made a motion to table the action to remove the structure until we have a lien in place. Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. Cathi made a motion to close the hearing and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Street Department

Vicki asked the Council for some benches to be bought and placed at the Pines Park for parents to sit on close to the play area. Rob cleaned up the trees that came down in the storms. Alarm system is completely installed. Rob put a grate on the Illinois culvert but the beavers are building dams very fast and it is still a problem. George is having a beaver nuisance man coming to take care of the beavers. Vicki is still working on getting the Town mosquito sprayed. Alan is painting the baseball backboard. George mentioned that there is a large branch that needs to be taken out of a tree at the Pines Park and there is a swing that has a sharp metal piece sticking out that needs to be fixed before someone gets cut. Cathi made a motion to table the bids for roads until the August 7th meeting.

Old Business

George walked Connecticut Street and he did indeed find fly ash all through the street so he suggested that we wait to reopen the road until we have the sample results. George did however agree with the Kowalski's that the brush being placed there is an eye sore and that it keeps people from accessing their property and George would like to see this brush removed. Vicki will talk to Rob and have him clean it up.

Cathi made a motion to suspend the business registration until we get advise from our Comprehensive Planner, Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. George met with the Sheriff, the Head of the Dept at the Sheriff's office and the President of the Porter County Council and they informed George of the Indiana Code that states that an incorporated Town will be responsible for their own police department. Therefore, our request for extra patrolling is denied. The Sheriff did, however, agree to drive up and down hot spots when is town.

New Business

None

Public Comments

Mrs. Combs is requesting a vacating of an alley way between Ardendale and Louisiana and south of Henry Street. Alan will help her after the meeting with the proper procedure.

Claims

Cathi made a motion to pay the claims and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Sandra L. Hall
Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer

Absent
George Adey, Council President
Cathi Murray Vice Pres.

July 10, 2013

The Town of Pines Town Council held a budget workshop at 6:30 p.m. at the Town of Pines Town Hall. In attendance were: Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio and Sandra Hall. George Adey was absent.

Discussion was held on the budget line items and no decision were made at this workshop.

The workshop was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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George Adey, Council President
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